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In re application:

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For: ANTIBACTERIAL THERAPY WITH BACTERIOPHAGE GENOTYPICALLY
MODIFIED TO DELAY INACTIVATION BY THE HOST DEFENSE SYSTEM

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

31. (Amended) A method for treating an infectious disease caused by [a] bacteria,
in a human patient, comprising:

C¹ administering to a patient in need of such treatment, a lytic or non-lytic
bacteriophage that is specific for said bacteria in a dosage effective to substantially
eliminate the bacteria, wherein said bacteriophage has a longer half-life in the patient's
circulatory system than a wild-type bacteriophage of the same strain.